

## **In the claims**

### **Please amend the claims as follows:**

1. (Currently amended) A rail clip for attaching a rail to a post, the rail clip comprising:
  - a bracket adapted to be mounted on the post;
  - a rail connector;
  - a connector mechanism for securing the rail connector and bracket together, the connector mechanism comprising:
    - a first mechanism that allows the positions of the rail connector and bracket to be arcuately adjusted relative to each other but does not allow axial or lateral withdrawal of the rail connector from the bracket; and
    - a second mechanism that locks the rail connector and bracket together when the rail connector and bracket have been arcuately adjusted and are in a desired orientation relative to each other and so that substantially no additional relative movement can occur between the rail connector and the bracket; and
  - a rail receiving receptacle formed on the rail connector, the rail receiving receptacle receiving an end of the rail therein; whereby adjustment of the rail connector relative to the bracket varies the angle of the rail receiving receptacle relative to the bracket.

2. (Currently amended) A rail clip as defined in claim 1, in which the bracket includes an arcuate outer surface and the rail connector slidably engages the outer surface of the bracket and wherein the position of the rail connector is adjusted by sliding the rail connector along the outer surface of ~~relative to the~~ bracket.
3. (Original) A rail clip as defined in claim 2, wherein the first mechanism comprises:  
  
a first groove formed in one of the rail connector and the bracket: and  
  
a boss formed in the other of the rail connector and the bracket; whereby the boss and groove interlock with each other and allow sliding arcuate movement between the rail connector and bracket, while substantially preventing the axial or lateral separation of the rail connector from the bracket.
4. (Currently amended) A rail clip as defined in claim 3, in which the second mechanism comprises at least one fastener that fixably connects the bracket and rail connector together thereby substantially preventing further relative movement between the bracket and the rail connector.
5. (Currently amended) A rail clip as defined in claim 1, in which the rail connector includes a rear wall that is complementary shaped to the outer surface of the bracket; and wherein and the rail receiving receptacle extends outwardly

from the rear wall.

6. (Original) The rail clip as defined in claim 5, wherein the rear wall is concave in shape and projects partially into the rail receiving receptacle.
7. (Original) A rail clip as defined in claim 5, in which the rail receiving receptacle has an upper wall, a lower wall and two side walls; and the side walls have an interior face, an exterior face and front and back edges, and the side walls extend a short distance beyond the rear wall thereby forming a lip between the back edge and the rear wall.
8. (Original) A rail clip as defined in claim 7, in which the back edges of the side walls are concave in shape.
9. (Currently amended) A rail clip as defined in claim 8, in which the back edge of the side walls is adapted to be ~~complementarily~~ complementary shaped with the outer surface of the bracket.
10. (Original) A rail clip as claimed in claim 9, in which the lip further includes a ridge, the ridge running along the back edge of the side wall.
11. (Original) A rail clip as claimed in claim 10, in which the bracket defines a first

groove and the ridge of the rail connector interlocks with the first groove so as to allow sliding engagement between the bracket and rail connector; the ridge and first groove comprising the first mechanism to secure the bracket and rail connector together.

12. (Original) The rail clip as defined in claim 1, wherein the bracket has a rear surface and the rear surface is substantially flat and is adapted to abut a substantially flat surface on the post.